

MEMO TO THE DESK OF . . .

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Telecommunication

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Ernie -

Sen. Goldwater wanted
me to check with you
that the enclosed bill
does not affect national
security - (regardless of
its merits or ~~lack~~ ^{lack} thereof)

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PACKWOOD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Freedom of Expression
4 Act of 1983".

6 SEC. 2. The Congress finds that—

7 (1) free and unregulated communications media
8 are essential to our democratic society;

9 (2) there no longer is a scarcity of outlets for elec-
10 tronic communications;

1 (B) striking out the semicolon and "or" in
2 paragraph (6) and inserting in lieu thereof a
3 period; and

4 (C) striking out paragraph (7);

5 (2) by repealing section 315;

6 (3) by amending section 326 to read as follows:

7 "SEC. 326. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to
8 give the Commission the power to—

9 “(1) censor any communication;

10 “(2) review the content of any completed commu-
11 nication; or

12 “(3) promulgate any regulation or fix any condi-
13 tion which shall interfere with the right of free speech,
14 including any requirement of an opportunity to be af-
15 forded for the presentation of any view on an issue.”.

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